

COWLEY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A-LEVEL

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Overview

English Language encourages you to explore the variety of texts that writers produce and gives you the opportunity to create engaging and original pieces of your own. It's a lively and topical course that's well informed by what's happening in the media and the contemporary world.

In your first year, you will study a range of topics such as speech, film, the news, politics, advertising, gender, power and uses of standard and non-standard language.

In your second year, the more challenging topics of child language acquisition and language change will be introduced. It is amazing how much progress students make on this course and our dedicated teachers will be on hand to ensure you are supported and successful throughout.

Lessons

Lessons are varied, ranging from group investigations to individual presentations, with lots of discussions, analysis and essay work. Many students find the opportunity to continue with creative writing attractive and there are often linked writing tasks in our units. It helps if students take an active interest in language by reading and watching media sources: some of our best lessons have been when topical material is discussed and responded to in class.

Support

Teachers of this subject are articulate, engaging and delight in the power and possibilities of language, even sharing knowledge of modern and classic European languages and degrees in areas such as Journalism.

Extensive support and guidance is offered through mentoring and delivering extra revision classes at key times of the year. A range of notes and resources will be supplied and you can email your teachers if you have questions or need further support.

Equipment that you will need

Basic stationery (pens, pencils, notepads and highlighters).
A mobile phone comes in handy too!

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I enjoy studying English Language because we get to discuss a range of topics in a small class size so everyone can be engaged in the debates and it's interesting to look at the subject in more depth than at GCSE.



Progression

Studying English Language supports a wide range of careers, including education, law, business, marketing, the media and creative industries.

Everyone values the ability to communicate effectively.